and intensive patrolling in the affected areas have been introduced, and the Special Task Force (STF) constituted by State Police is also being utilized for dealing with organised crimes and kidnapping gangs.

Resettlement of tribals of Nicobar

1044. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made in the resettlement of the tribals of Nicobar and other areas hit by the Tsunami wave of December 26, 2004; indicating the number of families still to be resettled before the onset of Monsoons this year; and

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) All the tribal families of Nicobar and other areas, affected by Tsunami, have been provided with intermediate shelters well before the onset of monsoon during this year. In addition, they have been provided with various house hold items including, *inter-alia*, LPG stoves/cylinders, clothes, utensils, sewing machines, bicycles etc. They have also been given financial assistance for household articles and *ex-gratia* payments for tribal orphans, widows and families of identified dead/missing tribals feared dead. Employment opportunities in various activities like agriculture, fishery have been made available.

(b) An expenditure of Rs. 58.94 crore has been incurred towards *ex-gratia* payment to the affected persons including tribals of Nicobar.

Data Base on the Tsunami hit areas

1045. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that data base on the Tsunami hit areas in the country is not available with the concerned authorities with regard to the scale and damage caused to life and property, reach of medical and rehabilitation assistance, etc., in the affected areas, particularly in inaccessible areas;